## NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

## Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6), 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48(1), 483A.8, 483A.8B, 483A.8C, 483A.24, and 483A.24B, the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 106, "Deer Hunting by Residents," Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 106 sets regulations for deer hunting by residents and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of take, and transportation and reporting requirements.

This amendment reduces antlerless deer quota numbers in six counties in the Nishnabotna Wildlife Unit. This quota reduction is designed to stabilize deer numbers in those counties whose deer population has been reduced to levels that were agreed to in 2009 by the Deer Study Advisory Group (DSAG). The DSAG was created to review, analyze, and make recommendations on issues relating to the state's deer population.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as **ARC 0717C**. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. Sixteen comments were received from the public during the comment period, and all but two supported the proposed changes in the antlerless deer quotas. One change has been made from the Notice. Wording was added to clarify that the quotas are for the 2013 deer season.

This amendment will have a neutral impact on jobs in the state. Even though the Commission is adopting a license reduction, there should not be a noticeable change in deer hunting. The new quotas are designed to keep deer numbers stable and result in similar license sales overall. Thus, the private sector job impact should remain status quo even with this rule making. The following types of jobs are positively impacted by deer hunting generally (and should see no noticeable change due to this rule making): hunting equipment retailers (weapons, ammunition, clothing, chairs, stands, binoculars, and other supporting equipment); field guides and outfitters; taxidermists; and restaurants, hotels, and gas stations for hunters traveling around the state.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48(1), 483A.8, 483A.8B, 483A.8C, 483A.24, and 483A.24B.

This amendment will become effective on August 14, 2013.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 106.6(6) as follows:

**106.6(6)** Antlerless-deer-only licenses. Paid antlerless-deer-only licenses will be available by county for the 2013 deer season as follows:

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Adair	2400	Floyd	0	Monona	2500
Adams	1950	Franklin	0	Monroe	3000
Allamakee	4500	Fremont	1500 <u>600</u>	Montgomery	1300 <u>1050</u>
Appanoose	3300	Greene	150	Muscatine	1175
Audubon	100	Grundy	0	O'Brien	0
Benton	650	Guthrie	3300	Osceola	0
Black Hawk	0	Hamilton	100	Page	<del>1800</del> <u>950</u>
Boone	650	Hancock	0	Palo Alto	0
Bremer	1000	Hardin	200	Plymouth	100
Buchanan	250	Harrison	2500	Pocahontas	0
Buena Vista	0	Henry	1025	Polk	1500
Butler	0	Howard	350	Pottawattamie	2100 <u>1300</u>

County	Quota	County	Quota	County	Quota
Calhoun	0	Humboldt	0	Poweshiek	500
Carroll	100	Ida	0	Ringgold	2600
Cass	1300 <u>550</u>	Iowa	775	Sac	0
Cedar	1025	Jackson	1250	Scott	500
Cerro Gordo	0	Jasper	1700	Shelby	400
Cherokee	0	Jefferson	2150	Sioux	0
Chickasaw	450	Johnson	1400	Story	500
Clarke	2500	Jones	975	Tama	500
Clay	0	Keokuk	1900	Taylor	2650
Clayton	3200	Kossuth	0	Union	2100
Clinton	825	Lee	1400	Van Buren	5400
Crawford	300	Linn	1300	Wapello	2150
Dallas	2700	Louisa	850	Warren	4200
Davis	3600	Lucas	2800	Washington	2250
Decatur	2800	Lyon	0	Wayne	3000
Delaware	975	Madison	4000	Webster	100
Des Moines	900	Mahaska	1350	Winnebago	0
Dickinson	0	Marion	2250	Winneshiek	3500
Dubuque	1375	Marshall	500	Woodbury	2500
Emmet	0	Mills	<del>1350</del> <u>950</u>	Worth	0
Fayette	1650	Mitchell	0	Wright	0

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